

Obituary.

The funeral of Mr. Winton A. Erwin, who was accidentally killed by the bursting of an iron wheel at the Knowles & Knapp Hardware company, took place yesterday. Prayers were said at his late residence, and the funeral services were held at the Advent church, which was filled by friends of the deceased. The Rev. Mr. Davis, pastor of the church, preached a very touching and impressive sermon, and took his text from Thess., iv., 13-16: "But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as those which have no hope. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." The Rev. Mr. Davis spoke in the highest terms of the deceased as being an earnest church worker and on all occasions ready to work for the Master, in whatever direction he might be called. He was president of the Christian Endeavor society, and clerk and secretary of the church and would be very greatly missed.

Mr. Davis said we find comfort in the thought that our brother lived and died as a Christian, full of hope and trust in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and in the words of our text, "Therefore let us comfort one another, that we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together, with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; so shall we be over with the Lord."

Favorite hymns of the deceased were sung very sweetly, and Mr. Davis in his closing prayer prayed that God would comfort and bless the widow and children in their distress and great bereavement. Mr. Erwin was converted during the Mills revivals some three years ago. His remains were laid out temporarily in the receiving vault at Mountain Grove cemetery, and later on he will be buried in Pleasant Valley, this state, his native home.

The pall bearers were A. Ackerman, H. Bartlett, Chester Moore, Robert Davies and two members of Arcanum lodge, I. O. O.